

REMARKS/DISCUSSION:

This Supplemental Amendment E is being filed within the one month period for response that ends June 27, 2009. Accordingly, no Extension of Time is needed for this Supplemental Amendment E.

Claims 16-24 remain pending in this application. Claims 16 and 23 have been amended consistent with USPTO rules (striketthrough). Further, claim 16 has been amended to list the claim elements in alphabetical order.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that in view of the discussion, the non-compliant objections have been overcome and that the invention is now patentable over the cited prior. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider all rejections and pass this case to issue.

Should any minor points remain prior to issuance of a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to Account No. 10-0750/END5011NP/VEK.

Respectfully submitted,

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